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SKID ROW TUBERCULOSIS OUTBREAK

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS THAT IT HAS INITIATED EFFORTS TO CONTAIN WHAT DR. FIELDING SAYS IS THE LARGEST OUTBREAK OF TUBERCULOSIS IN A DECADE.

BASED ON THE CASES IDENTIFIED TO DATE, IT APPEARS THIS OUTBREAK IS ISOLATED IN ONE GEOGRAPHIC AREA POPULATED BY THE HOMELESS. THE DEPARTMENT FACES MANY CHALLENGES TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT THIS POPULATION, MANY OF WHOM HAVE MULTIPLE HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT MUST TRY TO CONTAIN THE BROADER PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT THIS OUTBREAK COULD POSE.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO:

1. PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE STATUS REPORT ON THE ACTIONS PLANNED AND BEING TAKEN TO CONTAIN THIS OUTBREAK AND TREAT THOSE INFECTED. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE ACTIONS BEING COORDINATED WITH FEDERAL STAFF;

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2. WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DETERMINE AVAILABLE ISOLATION BEDS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION TO COMPLETE THEIR COURSE OF TREATMENT. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE CONSULTATION WITH OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER TO DETERMINE IF AN EXPANSION OF THEIR CURRENT TB ISOLATION BED CAPACITY IS WARRANTED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS WITHIN EXISTING FUNDING; AND
3. EXPLORE THE AVAILABILITY OF POTENTIAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT ACTIVITIES.

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